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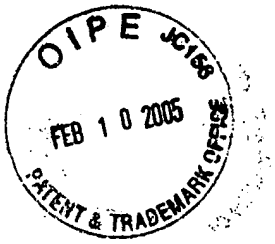
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The following amendments and remarks are provided in response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2004. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. The remarks begin on page 5.

The subject application was interviewed with Examiner Verbitsky on February 7, 2005. The rejections of all the claims were discussed but no formal agreement was reached with the Examiner as to allowability of claims. However, it was agreed that certain amendments would be made which the Examiner believed would overcome the rejections of the claims.